GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF MAKHANA
SUKDEO PASWAN

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of Makhana in the country during the last three years, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the requirement of Makhana in the country; and

(c) the measures the Government propose to take to increase the production and export of Makhana?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The total production of Makhana in the country is 4000 tonnes of which about 90% is produced in the State of Bihar. The details of production of Makhana in Bihar State during the last three years is as follows:

Year	Production (MT)
1999-2000	3500
2000-2001	3500
2001-2002	3600

(b): No assessment has been made about the requirement of Makhana in the country.

(c): The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on MacroManagement in Agriculture – Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts through WorkPlans under which the State Governments can take up developmental programmes for horticultural crops including Makhana as per their felt needs and requirements.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is providing research support for thedevelopment of Makhana under their A.P. Cess fund. Besides, ICAR has established aNational Research Centre for Makhana at Darbhanga to cater tothe needs of the Makhana growers in the country.

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDAi)s providing financial assistance for promoting export of all agricultural products including Makhana through the Schemes being implemented by them.